

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14-23, 34, 36, 41-42, 94-100, 108-112, 121-140, 141 without prejudice. New claims 142 and 143 are the same as cancelled claims 76-77, but which are now re-presented in accordance with the revised rules, and amended.

In accordance with the Revised Rules under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please amend the claims as shown below and indicated as “currently amended.” Also shown below are claims that may be original, cancelled, withdrawn, previously presented, new, and not entered.

1. (currently amended) For use with an ~~An adapter having an anchor rail mounting portion configured to releasably mount to an associated anchor rail,~~ the anchor rail formed as a U-shaped channel having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented rail lip, ~~the an~~ adapter configured to receive and releasably retain an associated article support hanger on the associated anchor rail, the adapter comprising:

a mounting surface having an opening formed therein to releasably secure the article support hanger to the adapter;

flanges depending from the mounting surface;

mounting legs extending from the flanges, the mounting legs each having a hook-like portion for engaging the corresponding rail lip, the hook-like portion extending substantially along a width of the mounting leg; and

the adapter being flexible to permit urging of the flanges inwardly toward each another to facilitate insertion of a portion of the mounting legs into the U-shaped channel, the adapter further being resilient such that the hook-like portions biasingly engage the rail lips.

2. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 wherein the mounting legs include an inwardly extending portion contiguous with a downwardly extending portion, and wherein the hook-like portion is formed at an end of the downwardly extending portion.

3. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 including at least one binding element formed on at least one of the mounting legs cooperating with each hook-like portion to clamp the respective rail lip between the hook-like portion and the at least one binding element.

4. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 3 wherein the binding element is disposed on the inwardly extending portion.

5. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 4 wherein the binding element is a tab formed in the inwardly extending portion, the tab being defined by a pair of notches in the inwardly extending portion.

6. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 5 wherein the tab includes a downwardly bent portion configured to bite into a respective rail inwardly oriented wall.

Claim 7. (cancelled)

8. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 wherein the mounting surface is a top surface.

9. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 wherein the mounting surface is planar.

10. (original) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 wherein the mounting surface is curved.

11. (previously presented) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 including a collar depending from a periphery of the opening.

12. (previously presented) The adapter in accordance with claim 11 wherein the collar includes threads formed therein.

13. (previously presented) The adapter in accordance with claim 1 including a plurality of downwardly/inwardly oriented projections extending from a periphery of the opening.

Claims 14-23 (cancelled)

24. (currently amended) For use with ~~A unitary resilient coupling for operatively coupling~~ an associated article support hanger and ~~to~~ a strut-type channel, the article support hanger configured to retain a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, the channel being generally U-shaped and having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented rail lip, ~~the~~ a unitary resilient coupling comprising:

an article support hanger receiving portion configured to receive and releasably retain the associated article support hanger; and

opposed mounting legs having feet configured to engage corresponding channel lips of the strut-type channel to securely lock the unitary resilient coupling into the channel when the legs are pinched together to fit within the channel, and released so as to expand and biasingly contact the corresponding channel lips.

25. (currently amended) The coupling defined by claim 24 wherein said feet have hook-like portions for engaging the channel lips ~~lip~~.

26. (original) The coupling defined by claim 24 wherein said legs are configured to bite into the channel and prevent slippage of the coupling along the channel.

Claims 27-28 (cancelled)

29. (previously presented) The coupling defined by claim 24 wherein said resilient coupling further comprises an opening adapted to be retentively engaged by the article support hanger.

30. (original) The coupling defined by claim 29 wherein said opening is threaded.

31. (original) The coupling defined by claim 30 wherein said opening surrounded by a collar.

32. (original) The coupling defined by claim 30 wherein said opening is surrounded by radial friction tabs.

Claims 33-36 (cancelled)

37. (previously presented) The coupling defined by claim 24 wherein said article support hanger is adapted to support articles of different types.

Claim 38 (cancelled)

39. (previously presented) The coupling defined by claim 24 wherein the resilient coupling is configured to snap into the channel.

40. (original) The coupling defined by claim 39 wherein said feet are configured such that the legs are automatically pinched when the coupling is pushed into the channel.

Claims 41-48 (cancelled)

49. (previously presented) The resilient coupling defined by claim 24 wherein said legs each have one or more integral outstruck tabs which act when the resilient coupling is engaged to bite into the channel and prevent slippage of the resilient coupling along the channel.

Claims 50-72 (cancelled)

73. (previously presented) An assembly for retaining a waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article on a strut-type channel, the channel being generally U-shaped and having a pair of upstanding, opposing legs, each leg having an inwardly extending wall and terminating in a downwardly oriented channel lip, the assembly comprising:

a unitary resilient adapter having a hanger receiving portion;

an article support hanger configured to retain the waveguide transmission line, or electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic or other utility line, or other article, and having a portion configured to be releasably received by the hanger receiving portion; and

the resilient adapter having opposed mounting legs with feet configured to engage the corresponding channel lip to securely lock the resilient adapter into the channel when the legs are pinched together to fit within the channel, and released so as to expand and biasingly contact the corresponding channel lips.

74. (previously presented) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein said article support hanger is configured to releasably engage said resilient adapter with a snap action.

75. (previously presented) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein said article support hanger is adapted to lock into said hanger receiving portion.

Claims 76-77. (cancelled)

78. (previously presented) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein said article support hanger is stackable, having a provision for connecting a second article support hanger to itself to permit daisy-chaining of said article support hangers.

Claims 79-81 (cancelled)

82. (previously presented) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein said resilient adapter and article support hanger are interconnected with a swivel joint, permitting articles to be supported at any angle with respect to the channel.

Claims 83-141 (cancelled)

113-141. (cancelled)

142. (new) The assembly defined by claim 73 wherein said support has a generally U-shaped resilient configuration with opposing legs structured to securely but releasably engage said adapter.

143. (new) The assembly defined by claim 76 wherein said adapter has an opening which is engaged by barbed feet on said support legs.